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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

In re the Application of:

Nordic Gear, Inc.

Application Serial No.: 75/266,177

Filed: March 31, 1977

Mark: NORDIC GEAR OUTDOOR GEAR OUTDOOR CLOTHING & Design

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Honorable Commissioner for Trademarks 2900 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA 22202-3513

Dear Commissioner:

REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE NOTICE OF OPPOSITION (WITH CONSENT)

Petitioner, Benetton Group S.p.A., and their related and/or affiliated companies, through its undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully requests a further three (3) month extension of time to file a Notice of Opposition, to and including **November 9, 2001**, against the above-identified application.

The extension was agreed to by Afschineh Latifi during a telephone conversation with the undersigned on July 18, 2001.

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This request is not made for the purpose of unduly delaying proceedings in the Patent and Trademark Office. The additional time is required to permit the parties to continue settlement discussions. As noted in the previous extension request, after reaching an impasse regarding settlement with respect to particular issues, the parties began to explore other alternatives. As a result of continued settlement discussions, a new framework for settlement has been developed. A proposed agreement was sent to counsel for Applicant on July 16, 2001, that deals with multiple applications in the United States as well as applications and registrations outside of the United States. The parties believe that they can reach settlement without the need for an opposition, but additional time is required to permit consideration of the various aspects of the proposed settlement.

This request is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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